

## House Resolution 487

By: Representatives Buckner of the 130<sup>th</sup>, Ashe of the 56<sup>th</sup>, Hanner of the 148<sup>th</sup>, Smyre of the 132<sup>nd</sup>, Hugley of the 133<sup>rd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Margaret "Bunny" Thomas Sullivan; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
4 with the passing of Mrs. Margaret "Bunny" Thomas Sullivan on February 12, 2009; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sullivan was born on November 9, 1933, in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, a  
6 beloved daughter of Dr. Russell Thomas and Margaret Camp Thomas; and

7 WHEREAS, raised in Americus, Georgia, Mrs. Sullivan attended Stephens College and  
8 earned a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Mrs. Sullivan was an active member of St.  
10 Paul United Methodist Church, where she devoted her time serving as a trustee, on the  
11 administrative board, and as a member of the Miller Wilson Class and Mission Committee;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sullivan was an active civic leader, participating in United Methodist  
14 Women, the Muscogee County Medical Society and Medical Association of Georgia  
15 auxiliaries, the Columbus Symphony Women's Association, and was a member of the board  
16 of Columbus Technical College, the Anne Elizabeth Shepherd Home, and the Rosalyn Carter  
17 Institute; and

18 WHEREAS, this kindhearted woman gave back to the Columbus community in countless  
19 ways, including volunteering for Meals on Wheels and Columbus Hospice, serving as a  
20 founding member of the Columbus Botanical Gardens, and contributing to the Historic  
21 Columbus Foundation; and

22 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sullivan was united in love and marriage to the late Dr. James H. Sullivan  
23 in June of 1955, and the two were happily married for 53 years and blessed with four  
24 children, Margaret, Nancy, James, and Elizabeth; and

25 WHEREAS, known for her great hospitality and warmth, Mrs. Sullivan leaves behind her  
26 loving children and their families, as well as five grandchildren who will always hold dear  
27 the memories of wonderful times shared with her; and

28 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
29 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and, by the example she made of her life,  
30 she made this world a better place in which to live.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
32 this body hereby joins in honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Margaret "Bunny" Thomas  
33 Sullivan and expressing its appreciation of her many contributions to her community and the  
34 State of Georgia.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
36 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mrs. Margaret  
37 "Bunny" Thomas Sullivan.